

FHA Grading Terminology

GRADES (EXCEPT MUSKRATS)

- SELECT:** Fully prime and complete guard hair coverage. Above average in quality, texture and pelt preparation, no defects.
- I:** Prime pelt with well finished guard hair. Above average quality and texture.
- I-II:** Average underfur and guard hair coverage.
- GOOD II:** Slightly early pelt with poor underfur and incomplete guard hair coverage.
- II:** Early or late pelt with incomplete guard hair and lacking underfur.
- III:** Very early or late pelt with poor finish, little or no underfur, dark coloured leather.
- IV & V:** Inferior pelt of little or no commercial value.

DEFECTS

- GD SLT (Good Slight):** Good quality with small imperfections.
- SLT DGD (Slight Damaged):** Good quality with larger imperfections.
- GD DGD (Good Damaged):** Good quality with large imperfections.
- REG DGD (Regular Damaged):** Average quality with large imperfections.
- BDLY DGD (Badly Damaged):** Extensive damage, little or no value.
- Tainted:** Area of pelt has rotted, little or no value.

ABBREVIATIONS

- GD:** Good
- SLT:** Slight
- BDLY:** Badly
- RBD:** Rubbed
- GRSY:** Greasy
- S:** Singed
- LT:** Light
- RR:** Red Rim
- BR:** Brown
- ORD:** Ordinary
- DGD:** Damaged
- PT:** Part
- STND:** Stained
- HVY:** Heavy
- SH:** Straight Hair
- ASST:** Assorted
- DK:** Dark
- T/S:** Ticks and Scars

SIZES

- 5X** Quintuple Extra Large
- 4X** Quadruple Extra Large
- 3X:** Triple Extra Large
- 2X:** Double Extra Large
- 1X:** Extra Large
- LG:** Large
- LM:** Large Medium
- M:** Medium
- S:** Small
- XS:** Extra Small

WEIGHTS

	BEAVER	RACCOON	RED FOX	MARTEN
Heavy (HVY)	prime, very dense underfur, shearable	long nap length, deep underfur	long nap, deep underfur	prime, very dense underfur
Semi	dense underfur, suitable for short shear	medium nap length, medium underfur	medium nap length, medium underfur	dense underfur
Light (LT)	lacks underfur, not ideal for shearing	short nap	short nap, low underfur	lacks underfur